(c) During Prime Minister's visit to the US in May 1994, President Clinton and Prime Minister called for a new partnership between India and the United States and agreed that democracy, respect for human rights and economic liberalization provide the best foundation for global stability and prosperity in the post-Cold War era. They promised to cooperate in the search for solutions to global challenges posed by weapons of mass destruction, international terrorism, narcotics trafficking etc. High-level visits have taken place to expand the pace and scope of high-level exchanges on the full range of political, economic, commercial, scientific, technological and social issues.

Compensation for Violation of Human Rights in India

3579. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Amnesty International has focussed on and brought to light the issue of human rights violations in India at the Geneva Meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government intend to take to prevent such violations of human rights and to compensate victims of such violations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) Amnesty International has made baseless allegations against India in reports published on the eve of the 51st session of the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva. Amnesty has also criticised other countries, apart from India, including Indonesia and Pakistan, Government has responded to Amnesty International's reports and apprised member-States of the United Nations of the facts. The Government is committed to preventing any violations of human rights.

Land ceded by Nepal to the East India Company

3580. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether lands ceded by Nepal to the East India Company in 1815, comprising parts of Darjeeling district and Tarai areas of North Bihar and North Utter Pradesh, have been incorporated and assimilated into the Indian Union and whether necessary schedules to the Constitution have been amended; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The lands ceded by Nepal to the East India Company in 1815 under the Treaty of Segouli were ceded in perpetuity. No incorporation or amendment to the Constitution of India is necessary as these lands became irrevocable parts of India at the time of Independence.

Promotion of the concept of an independent Kashmir by a third country

3581. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have admitted that a third party country has been promoting the concept of an independent Kashmir throughout the world for the last so many years;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have finalised a number of agreements with that third party country recently;

(c) whether the concept of independent Kashmir was given due consideration while finalising these agreements; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Pakistani Minister's statement on Terrorists

3582. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistani Interior Minister has accused India of sending terrorists in Karachi, as reported in the Hindustan Times; New Delhi; dated the 1st March; 1995; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to dispel this Pakistani charge to cover up its own doings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Pakistan has; from time to time; including at the level of their Interior Minister recently; levelled baseless and motivated allegations against India's involvement in the situation prevailing in Karachi. Pakistani propaganda in this regard lacks credibility in the perceptions of the international community.

The international community is well aware of the fact that Pakistan is extending active support to cross-border terrorism directed against India. Pakistani propaganda has failed to divert attention from its state sponsorship of terrorism.

Government constantly make efforts to apprise the international community of the true facts of Pakistan's conduct violative of universally accepted norms of inter-State behaviour.

Pakistani Accusations of Backing Terrorism

3583. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan on the 7th March accused India of backing terrorism by planning bomb blasts and violence in the Pakistani cities;

(b) whether Pakistan Government's spokesman in Islamabad claimed that they have discovered an India made bomb; planted to blow up an electric transformer in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir; as reported in "The Observer of Business and Politics"; New Delhi; dated the 8th March; 1995;

(c) whether Pakistan has now claimed India's involvement in the gunning down of two US diplomats in Karachi on the 8th March; 1995; and

(d) if so; the steps taken by Government to check such false; mischievous and motivated propaganda by Pakistan against India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (d) Pakistan has been indulging in propagandistic statements directed against India at various levels; including in the recent period.

Government dismiss this propaganda as concocted; unfounded and utterly lacking in credibility. Government believe that no amount of such anti-India propaganda would help Pakistan obfuscate its state-sponsorship of terrorism. The international community is well aware of the fact that Pakistan is actively aiding and abetting terrorism and subversion directed against India.

Government have and will continue to apprise the international community of the true facts.

UNESCO's document on Nationalism

3584. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the newsitem published in the Hindustan Times dated the